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October 21, 1955

Dr. Simon H. Wender
Research Professor of Chemistry
University of Oklahoma Research Institute
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. Wender

The notification that your application for a grant-in-aid to study the polyphenols in tobacco and cigarette smoke has been granted is being sent today by our Executive Secretary. We are pleased that this support is possible and look forward to a mutually beneficial association.

I think it will be appropriate for me to comment further without delay upon several points that were discussed by the Scientific Advisory Board during the consideration of your proposal.

The income of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee is received in a manner which makes it unwise to enter into any firm or legal commitment for more than one year at a time. At the same time, the members of the Scientific Advisory Board are well aware of the need for continuity in research of many kinds. Their policy is to recognize the need for such continuity over several years by making a grant for one year only but undertaking to give prior consideration to the needs of such projects in succeeding years over new applications, providing only that satisfactory progress is being made in the light of all the usual hazards and uncertainties of any research.

Such priority of consideration can be maintained for a period of two or three years. So far the Board has not, in any case, undertaken to promise it for as long a period as five years.

When the period of such prior consideration has expired, any recipient of a grant is still at liberty to submit a new proposal for consideration in competition with all other proposals in hand, and in the light of the situation that may then exist.

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If you agree, as we hope you will, that this might provide valuable and stimulating contacts, the necessary arrangements can be made by communicating directly with the chairman, Dr. Robert N. DuPuis, Vice President in Charge of Research, Philip Morris, Inc., Box 1889, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. DuPuis has agreed to arrange for you to visit him and certain other members of the Industry Technical Committee at your mutual convenience.

It is the sense of the Board that it will be appropriate for you to use travel funds provided in the grant for a trip to Richmond for this purpose, and they are prepared, if necessary, to supplement the travel allowance in order to bring about these conferences effectively and at an early date.

Very sincerely yours,

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Robert C. Hockett
Associate Scientific Director

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